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# UPPER BANK NURSERIES

*offer the following*

RARE NATIVE SHRUBS

*collected by*

MARY G. HENRY

1942

Available to the public for the first time. Included,  
are a few items from her garden at  
Gladwyne, Pa.

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RHODODENDRON SP.

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MRS. J. NORMAN HENRY, Research Associate of the Department of Botany of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, is a noted field botanist. For years she has explored unblazed trails in search of rare shrubs and plants and her success in leading an expedition across the uncharted Rocky Mountains of Northern British Columbia, is history. In recognition, the Canadian Government has named a mountain, Mt. Mary Henry. She has made over 30 trips to our South Eastern States, where she has covered many miles on foot climbing mountains, wandering along rivers and wading through swamps. Many of the plants she has brought back are new to science. Mrs. Henry has propagated only those which are outstanding in beauty and have proved successful in cultivation in sub-zero temperatures. The Schaffer Memorial Medal for "notable contributions to horticulture" was recently awarded to Mrs. Henry by the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society.

## TREES *and* SHRUBS

\* Indicates plants collected ~~or~~ <sup>originated</sup> by Mrs. Henry.

† Indicates plants originated at Gladwyne.

- AESCULUS GLABRA MONTICOLA.\* Dwarf mountain form of A. glabra. Very handsome rare shrub with showy white flowers. Makes a magnificent specimen. \$10.00
- BIGNONIA CAPREOLATA.\* Conspicuous and very valuable vine. This is a variety that has deep velvety red trumpet-shaped flowers with handsome and large evergreen leaves. Clings to stone-walls. Fast growing when established. 5.00
- BIGNONIA RADICANS.\* Fine deep blood-red form of this handsome climber. 5.00
- BIGNONIA TAGLIOBUANA. One of the showiest of all climbers with glorious flowers of rich rose-coral. Clings to stone walls. 10.00
- BUXUS SEMPERVIRENS VAR. HARLANDI. Hardy and unusual form of Box, with narrow foliage. Makes a fine specimen. 1.50

CALYCANTHUS MOHRIL. Rare, handsome shrub, with fragrant, deep red flowers. 5.00

CALYCANTHUS SP.\* Mrs. Henry's dwarf pink variety, 12"-18". Small gray-green foliage. Fragrant old-rose flowers. Delightful dwarf shrub for sunny spot in rock garden. Perhaps a new species. Blooms May, June and July. Philadelphia southward. 25.00

CAMELLIA SINENSIS, seedlings of the lovely tea plant. A form that has withstood Pennsylvania winters for fifteen years. Beautiful white flowers with golden centers and handsome evergreen foliage. Splendid shrub for house foundation planting. For a sheltered situation. 10.00

CRATAEGUS UNIFLORA.\* A compact small shrub for dry ground or rock garden. Flowers singly like small white roses. Large red-cheeked fruit in autumn. Blooms when 18" tall. 5.00

<sup>CH</sup>ERINACEA PURPUREA.\* Plant of noble proportions. Immense daisy-like pink flowers with long petals. 1.00

HALESIA MONTICOLA ROSEA,\*Mrs Henry's variety. Buds light crimson, flowers full pink. 20.00

HALESIA PARVIFLORA.\* Interesting and most attractive. This is the smallest and daintiest "Silver Bell." Blooms when only a few feet tall. For sunny well-drained position. Perfectly hardy at Gladwyne. 10.00



- JUNIPERUS HORIZONTALIS.\* Prostrate deep green form, and also a blue form. 2.50
- LINDERA UMBELLATA (Benzoin umbellatum). Tall vigorous shrub from China. Pale greenish yellow flowers very early in the season. Very rare. 15.00
- MAGNOLIA CYLINDRICA. One of the rarest Magnolias. A very beautiful small tree from dry slopes in the Himalayas. Probably the only plants in the world available to the trade. 25.00
- MAGNOLIA PYRAMIDATA.\* One of our rarer Magnolias. Beautiful small tree. Oddly shaped leaves. Creamy white flowers. 15.00
- MAGNOLIA VIRGINIANA VAR.\* Amazing and most exquisite dwarf form. Diminutive fragrant white flowers. Small evergreen leaves. An outstanding little gem for a position in a rock garden where a choice miniature shrub is wanted. Two shrubs, 8" and 9" tall produced four and five flowers each this season. They were collected in Georgia six years ago and have never been trimmed. 30.00
- PHILADELPHUS BURKWOODI. This fine hybrid was raised in England by Mr. Burkwood. Large widely expanded white flowers, each petal shaded with pink near the base. Very fragrant. 5.00
- PHILADELPHUS "GLADWYNE."† Large vigorous "Mock Orange." Fragrant white flowers of fine form. A very handsome shrub. 5.00



PYRUS-MUNDA SUBARACHNOIDES. Magnificent and very rare mountain ash from China. Pretty white flowers and showy white fruit. 10.00

QUERCUS SP.\* Magnificent hardy northern variety of the justly famous evergreen live oak. One of the most valuable trees in the world. Should succeed north of Philadelphia. 15.00

QUERCUS UNDULATA. Dainty and ornamental shrub of very compact growth from Colorado. Handsome small gray-green leaves. For a dry position. Very hardy. 5.00

RHODODENDRON ATLANTICUM,\* Mrs. Henry's variety. Undoubtedly one of the most exquisite of all azaleas. Pink buds open to snow white fragrant flowers. Effective against the glaucous gray-green leaves. Young stems crimson. For the rockery or front of border. 15" to 18" tall. Only one plant available this year. 25.00

RHODODENDRON ATLANTICUM,\* Mrs. Henry's yellow variety. A most dainty and beautiful little Azalea. Suitable for the rock garden or where an extra choice Azalea is desired. 15.00

RHODODENDRON CAROLINIANUM,\* Mrs. Henry's variety. A dwarf compact form with crimson stems and young branches. Leaves deeply stained crimson. Flowers unseen but said to be "dark purple." 10.00

- RHODODENDRON CHAPMANII.\*** Hardy form of one of the rarest and most beautiful of all native rhododendron, discovered by Mrs. Henry in the mountains of Georgia. Never before found outside of Florida. Flowers in exquisite shades of pink free from all magenta tints. Dwarf compact shrub with evergreen foliage. Blooming when only 8" or 10" tall. Reaches 5' in its native habitat. Fine for rockery as it will tolerate hot dry positions. Identified by Dr. Rehder as *R. chapmanii*. 30.00
- RHODODENDRON OCCIDENTALE.** Seedlings of the magnificent variety with copper colored flowers. Sun and a position sheltered from cold winds. 5.00
- RHODODENDRON SP.\*** One of the most beautiful of all azaleas and one of the most fragrant. Snow white flowers, in large clusters abundantly produced. Rarely tinged salmon. Many with yellow throat. Blooms before the leaves come. A vast improvement on *R. arborescens* and *R. viscosum*. Perhaps *R. canescens candidum*. See frontispiece. 10.00
- SALIX IRRORATA.** A shrub with snowy white stems. Attractive in winter against evergreens. 1.50
- SALIX SP.\*** From New Hampshire. A very valuable early flowering pussy willow. Buds always break in January. Strong growing shrub 8'. 2.50
- SALIX TRISTIS.\*** Very pretty and dainty dwarf

willow for the rock garden or where a dwarf shrub is needed, 12" to 15".	1.00
SPIREA IDAHOENSIS. Free flowering summer blooming shrub with deep pink flowers. Very hardy and grows anywhere.	2.50
SPIREA SALICIFOLIA ROSEA.* Selected form that has delightful rose-pink flowers. Very desirable shrub for border or foundation planting.	2.50
STYRAX AMERICANA.* One of our most beautiful spring flowering shrubs. Deliciously fragrant white flowers in May, abundantly produced. Will probably reach 5 or 6' in this latitude.	10.00
SYMPHORICARPOS ORBICULATUS LEUCOCARPUS. Pretty and effective white fruited Indian currant. Ornamental as a shrub and good for autumn "arrangements."	1.50
SYRINGA "GLADWYNE."† New and handsome hybrid lilac raised by Mrs. Henry. Glossy deep crimson buds open to large single purple flowers. Has been greatly admired by everyone who has seen it.	10.00
TAXUS FLORIDANA.* One of the rarest shrubs in existence. A splendid evergreen with rich deep green needles. Makes a small tree in time. Few people have seen this, one of our finest natives. For a protected position, Philadelphia southward. Pot grown seedlings from cold frame. Not yet tried outside.	15.00



VIBURNUM FRAGRANS ALBA. Magnificent white form of this very outstanding viburnum. Fragrant white flowers in March. Undoubtedly one of the most beautiful shrubs in existence. 10.00

VIBURNUM OBOVATUM.\* One of the prettiest and most surprising of all viburnums. Compact growing shrub. Attractive heads of white flowers in spring. Glossy black fruit in autumn. Leaves about size of those of box bush. Full sun. Sheltered position and well-drained soil. Best south of Philadelphia. 10.00

VIBURNUM OPULUS XANTHOCARPA. Attractive yellow-fruited variety. An outstanding shrub. 5.00

## PERENNIALS

- ASTER SPECTABILIS.\*** Very pretty compact and low growing aster for rockery or in front of shrubbery, with bright purple flowers. Blooms in autumn. Should be an indispensable, 10" to 15". Attractive leafy rosettes that make a nice ground cover. .75
- CHELONE LYONI LATIFOLIA.** Vigorous perennial for a moist place. Showy deep pink flowers in autumn. Long lived and very hardy, 2½' 1.00
- DICENTRA EXIMIA ALBA.\*** Exquisite snow white form of this attractive and useful plant; blooms all summer. Pale green fernlike leaves add greatly to its appearance. Especially lovely for the rock garden but will grow almost anywhere in sun or shade. 5.00
- HYDROPHYLLUM VIRGINICUM.\*** A rare and handsome perennial for a shady or semi-shady spot. Beautifully marked foliage with flowers of a most unusual and telling shade of purple. Easy to grow. 2.50
- PENSTEMON COBAEA** and its varieties are among the handsomest hardy plants known to our gardens. They have extremely showy flowers and fine deep green foliage. All do best in light, well-drained soil and full sun. No finer ornaments exist for the rock garden. Everyone who can accommodate them should try these splendid plants raised by Mrs. Henry.

- P. COBAEA PURPUREA. A wonderful form with flowers colored a glorious rich royal purple. Seed supplied by Dr. E. J. Palmer. 1.00
- P. COBAEA TYPE. Very large flowers white shaded pale lavender. 1.00
- P. COBAEA VAR. Intermediate in color between the above. The huge flowers are a fine even shade of heliotrope. 1.00
- P. COBAEA X P. TRIFLORUS†. Beautiful hybrids raised by Mrs. Henry. P. triflorus is a pink flowered species. The hybrids are all large flowered like P. cobaea but colored in delightful shades of pale rose pink. 2.50
- PENSTEMON MURRAYANUS. A grand plant for the rockery or a sunny hillside. Glaucous gray foliage and good sized wide open bright scarlet flowers. One of the most spectacular of all herbaceous plants. Reaches 6' in height. 1.00
- PHLOX BUCKLEYI.\* A rare and exceptionally fine compact growing phlox with handsome flowers of an attractive shade of crimson pink and long glossy evergreen leaves. An excellent grower. 3.50
- PHLOX CAROLINA,\* Mrs. Henry's new variety. Stunning coral-pink form of an as yet unnamed variety of Phlox carolina from the Georgia mountains. The huge flower heads each form a perfect bouquet. Broad glossy foliage is evergreen. Perhaps the most beautiful of all native phlox. Easy to grow in dry soil. 5.00



- PHLOX HENRY<sup>AE</sup>.† A new and wholly delightful dwarf hybrid phlox. It is a cross between *P. bifida* and *P. nivalis* and has very large pastel pink flowers with deeply cleft petals. Splendid for the rock garden. 1.50
- PHLOX ID<sup>A</sup>HOENSIS. The only known tall blue flowered phlox. The large circular flowers are a fine color and the yellow stamens greatly enhance their beauty. Collected by Dr. Wherry. 5.00
- PHLOX NIVALIS AZUREA.\* Splendid new pale blue phlox with large fine flowers. 5.00
- PHLOX NIVALIS "GLADWYNE."\* Large circular white flowers with overlapping petals and perfect form. 5.00
- PHLOX STOLONIFERA VIOLACEA,\* Mrs. Henry's variety. A strikingly beautiful dwarf phlox with large circular soft true blue flowers of perfect form. Does not flop like *P. divaricata*. Succeeds best in part shade. Should be grown in every garden where the soil is not too dry. 1.50
- PHLOX SUBULATA DARK EYE.\* Deep pink flowers with a conspicuous dark eye. A new and interesting variation of this indispensable ground covering phlox. .75
- PICNANTHEMUM FLEXUOSUM.\* Lacy white flowered perennial for a dry spot and poor soil. Long lasting as a cut flower. .75

- SILENE VIRGINICA.\* A new and very lovely pale salmon pink form of this beautiful and much sought after red flowering perennial. Requires good drainage and will stand some shade. Should be in every rock garden. 5.00
- TRICYRTIS VILLOSA. Liliaceous perennial. Interesting and extremely pretty yellow flowers of unusual form; ornamental with small red dots. Succeeds best in part shade. 1.00
- ZEPHYRANTHUS ATAMASCO.\* A very beautiful hardy bulbous plant. Large white amaryllis-like flowers and narrow green leaves. From a northern locality. .50
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All the foregoing shrubs and plants have successfully withstood sub-zero temperatures without protection, with one exception as noted.

In some cases of the above there are only two or more plants available for sale this year. Each season we hope to be in a position to offer more plants of each variety. It should be noted that many more new and rare shrubs from Mrs. Henry are being propagated for distribution, lists of which will be sent out when the material is ready for sale.

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